

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2003
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West Memorial Park Shelter House, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Bill Goins, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the July 17, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Was notified by IDFA on July 28th that the City has complied with the requirements of their final environmental report on the Ameitech property. This means we have complied and we will have 20% of the loan forgiven.
- Anyone planning to attend the elected officials training on economic development on Thursday please notify the Mayor.
- Kim Thurlow, with Ivy Tech corporate & Continuing Education Services met with HR and training representatives with several local manufacturers on July 24th. She plans to offer supervisory and professional development courses in Rushville. This is under the umbrella of the Management and Supervisory Institute.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts has arrived to audit the year 2002.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Chief Fudge invited everyone to stay after the meeting to observe National Night Out Against Crime and to initiate the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Informed Council that the Board of Works approved to hire Craig Tucker contingent upon approval by Perf. Tucker will replace Troy Sampley.

Park – Mathews said there would be a Country Music Show at the Gazebo at 4:00 on August 17, and a Gospel program on August 24.

Mathews asked permission to purchase a 1993 Chevy pickup truck for \$4,500.00, or with a trade in it would be \$3,700.00. He intended to use the monies left in his matching funds line item and the money from the insurance settlement on a wrecked truck. Goins made a motion to allow Mathews to purchase the truck. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Budget – Bridges said the only thing he thought needed to be brought before Council tonight concerning the budget was the salary ordinances. He felt with the savings from the insurance we could handle a 4% pay raise. Pavey made a motion to approve a 4% pay raise for all city employees with the knowledge that it could be reduced if necessary. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2003-4, and 2003-5, Elected Officials Salaries on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Goins made a motion to pass Salary Ordinances 2003-4 and 2003-5 on 2nd reading. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

635 W 10th Street Meyer Property – Bridges told Council that the Unsafe Hearing Board requested that Council approve to open an estate on the property located at 635 W 10th Street. Sheehan made a motion to allow the City Attorney to proceed with the opening of the estate. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Housing Rehab Program – Kevin Pollivick gave a proposal for a Housing Rehab Program. The proposal would submit a Housing from Shelters to Homeownership Application for CDBG funds in the amount of \$240,000.00. The application is due November 21, 2003. Awards will be announced January 22, 2004. Required matching funds will bring the total amount of project funds to \$264,000.00.

These funds would be used for homeowner occupied housing rehabilitation within the City of Rushville. Homeowners would be chosen for the project based on income, age, number of people in the family, and number of disabled family members. A local committee appointed by the Mayor would assist in choosing the families with the most immediate needs.

The project would assist a minimum of sixteen families at a cost per house of \$16,500.00.

Goins made a motion to proceed with the grant. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims Approval – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER
ATTEST:

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER